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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditors of the Town of Haverhill, having carefully examined the account of the Selectmen and Treasurer, respectfully submit the following report in detail, for the year ending February 28, 1883.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1882,	$2386 65
Received by the Treasurer during the year as follows:	
County order on Pauper account,	708 98
Railroad tax,	598 66
Savings Bank tax,	359 41
Literary Fund,	228 16
For rent of Leased Land,	74 87
Taxes, costs and interest of S. Pike,	36 20
Licenses,	13 00
G. K. Blake on tax bills of 1880, 1881, 1882,	16557 59
	$20963 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements have been as follows:

For support of Highways,	2041 82
Water Troughs,	60 00
Paupers,	1192 86

For Bounties on Crows and Bear,	43 10
Schools and School Houses,	4785 94
Abatements and Discounts,	273 84
Expenses of Town Officers, Books, &c.,	1061 40
County Tax,	3567 91
State Tax,	2312 00
Coupons on Town Bonds,	1860 00
Am't paid into Trust Fund,	3000 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	13 00
Express on money to Manchester,	25
Index for Record Book,	25
Outstanding Orders of 1881,	126 21
Expense of I. K. George Suits,	149 76
Damages on Highway,	6 00
	$20394 34
Less 33 Outstanding Orders included in above amount,	737 34
	$19657 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1303 42
Error in account,	3 10
	$20963 52

ORDERS DRAWN FOR
SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS.

To S. F. Eastman,		87
S. Blumley,	labor,	1 25
W. F. Prescott,	plank, &c.	8 51

To B. Noyes	stone for culvert,	7 50
G. K. Blake	labor,	2 36
John Silver	"	5 00
F. F. Silver	"	7 50
"	"	2 50
G. K. Blake	"	41 23
R. M. Bagley	"	5 00
T. Colbridge	"	4 75
Chas. Smith	"	7 12
B. Noyes	"	39 90
Jas. Cutting	"	5 25
F. P. Cutting	"	12 50
M. M. Weeks	"	41 17
C. N. Simpson	"	6 25
Henry Cutting	"	6 25
S. H. Baker	" and scraper,	7 00
A. W. Smith	"	2 75
A. Merrill	"	63
G. F. Batchelder	culvert at 4 Corners,	55 50
Horace Eaton	labor,	1 25
H. W. Deane	"	23 00
A. F. Thomas	"	39 96
Allen Hobbs	"	2 75
R. H. Noyes	"	3 75
M. M. Weeks	"	10 55
Chas. Smith	"	2 50
W. H. Lewis	"	26 02
S. A. Moore	plank for Bath bridge,	73 55
D. W. Day	labor,	22 77
G. W. Ingerson	"	4 50
W. W. Lane	"	16 71
L. M. Southard	"	9 00

To N. C. Wright	labor,	19 13
J. G. Blood	plank,	16 18
J. R. Day	labor,	1 88
D. W. Meader	"	14 35
J. A. Day,	"	13 75
J. G. Brown	"	3 12
R. Arnold	"	5 00
Gilbert Wright	"	2 12
E. B. Humphrey	"	7 50
H. M. Putnam	"	36 01
M. M. Weeks	"	25 13
A. M. Pike	"	7 50
David Parker	"	2 25
Geo. Emery	"	3 15
Gilbert Fuller	"	4 75
M. Stevens	"	1 50
A. F. Higgins	"	75
S. S. Newell	"	1 25
Fred Gordon	"	8 00
G. S. Cummings	"	15 75
J. Pennock	"	1 12
J. M. Foster	"	11 10
L. M. Southard	"	18 37
G. S. Cummings	"	2 25
A. B. Bowen	"	2 50
G. S. Cummings	"	2 25
J. G. Marcy	"	10 00
E. G. Hobbs	"	1 20
E. W. Hildreth	"	10 24
Noah P. Sawyer	"	7 50
G. E. Brown	"	10 12
Geo. E. Eastman	plank,	2 80

To S. & G. C. Jeffers	plank,	11 38
F. S. Aldrich	damage going through field,	6 00
G. C. Smith		5 00
Ira Whitcher	Cedar Posts,	20 00
T. C. Hartwell	on Lime Kiln cross road,	3 00
John Blumley	labor, snow,	56
Chas. Metcalf	" "	1 31
I. B. Cark	" "	5 25
J. W. Harris	" "	56
G. A. Clark	"	56
F. P. Currier	"	8 35
H. B. Cass	" snow,	1 62
J. L. Cook	" "	1 50
D. W. Day	" "	26 21
Peter Flanders	" "	3 75
A. F. Thomas	" "	15 15
S. Blumley	" "	2 25
B. A. Bailey	" "	1 50
Wm. Nelson	" "	40 00
A. Glinn	" "	6 00
Shepardson & Son	" "	5 13
H. P. Burleigh	" "	1 25
B. Noyes	" "	8 76
F. Sherwell	" "	2 50
C. P. Gannett	" "	5 00
R. Bagley	" "	75
Wm. Wright	" "	2 43
Wm. Nelson	" "	21 25
B. Noyes	" "	20 88
G. P. Wright	" "	94
B. Noyes	" "	8 25
G. C. Butler	"	15 25

To Calvin Merrill	labor,	snow	2 62
C. H. House	"	"	50
A. W. Smith	"	"	3 63
N. House	"	"	62
C. H. Simpson	"	"	3 25
H. Eaton	"	"	3 62
A. Hobbs	"	"	75
F. P. Cutting	"	"	13 62
J. B. Cutting, Jr.	"	"	50
M. P. Buswell	"	"	3 00
J. B. Cutting	"	"	50
D. Gannett	"	"	50
H. P. Burleigh	"	"	11 75
W. H. Lewis	"	"	5 25
S. A. Foster	"	"	5 62
E. C. St. Clair	"		6 58
N. Heath	"		17 24
S. B. St. Clair	"		21 87
W. W. Lane	"	snow	4 27
D. Whitcher	"		17 67
S. F. Carr	"	snow	5 62
F. B. Carr	"	"	3 75
J. W. French	"		6 25
E. W. Hildreth	"	snow	15 35
H. W. Dean	"	"	46 65
D. A. Shaw	"	"	3 85
Scott Kezer	"	"	6 85
Moses Rogers	"	"	1 62
John Harris	"	"	3 87
A. E. Haywood	"	"	4 75
C. Rineheart	"	"	3 79
W. W. Eastman	plank,		10 10

A. F. Pike	labor,	36 60
E. N. Clark	" snow	3 00
Carr & Gale	"	8 75
E. Hamlett	"	4 50
S. Hildreth	" snow	3 97
E. Hamlett	" "	3 03
F. W. Hildreth	" "	4 39
L. Glynn	" "	9 87
I. W. Thomas	" "	4 62
E. B. Noyes	" "	7 37
"	" "	23 72
H. Wells	" "	6 62
Chase Whitcher	plank	6 75
Frank Chase	labor, snow	1 19
Albert Chase	" "	4 12
C. A. Prescott	" "	2 24
"	" "	1 87
E. B. Noyes	"	10 07
O. Noyes	" snow	2 15
C. A. Gale	" "	3 30
P. Metcalf	" "	8 04
H. E. Dean	" "	1 85
Geo. Eastman	plank	2 81
Geo. Milliken	labor, snow	1 87
J. Pennock	" "	56
J. W. Jackson	" "	31
E. B. Willoughby	" "	5 06
H. Partridge	" "	2 50
M. B. Meader	" "	9 62
"	"	27 87
S. B. St. Clair	" snow	2 75
Frank Dean	"	5 62

Geo. Wells	labor		15 04
Milton Young	"		8 12
F. S. Kezer	"		8 50
"	"	snow	4 32
Milton Young	"	"	3 25
D. B. Blodgett	"		17 48
H. S. Sleeper	"		75
Chase & Cummings	"		30 29
W. F. Prescott	"		5 50
A. Clark	"	snow	2 00
Frank Brooks	"		1 87
H. S. Sleeper	"	snow	2 25
"	"		3 00
H. Carleton	"		11 13
M. P. Bemis	"		2 94
C. W. Manson	"	snow	44
Chase & Cummings	"		3 12
G. E. Brown	"		16 87
A. J. French	"		2 00
F. S. Aldrich	"	snow	10 23
L. Partridge	"		4 87
N. C. Wright	"	snow	7 25
C. E. True	"	"	50
S. Elliott	"	"	1 87
J. E. Dean	"	"	1 00
G. K. Blake	"	"	1 00
Geo. Corliss	"		1 75
Benj. Dean	"		8 62
H Glines	"		1 50
C. Dunkley	"	snow	50
L. P. Adams	"	"	3 50
B. K. Eastman	"		9 15

M. & E. Weeks	labor		3 97
G. K. Blake	"	snow	13 12
G. Corliss	"		3 00
J. Blake	"	snow	7 12
J. J. Jeffers	"	"	5 75
J. M. Jeffers	"	"	1 12
S. Pike	"		16 47
L. D. Jeffers	"	snow	1 12
G. W. Hollins	"		3 12
F. Crouch	"	snow	1 50
Benj. Davis	"	"	1 25
G. K. Blake	"		5 00
G. W. Hollins	"	snow	4 12
S. Jeffers	"	"	7 81
E. O. Harris	"		3 25
H. L. Dearborn	"	snow	9 00
H. P. Burleigh	"		5 75
M. P. Buswell	"		2 75
John Battis	"		21 25
H. L. Dearborn	"		12 00
R. Elliott	"		11 57
Horace Blake	"		5 00
S. N. Howard	"	snow	8 25
Calvin Merrill	"		2 50
S. N. Howard	"		17 66
C. C. Rineheart	"		2 50
E. Hildreth	"	snow	13 17
F. S. Aldrich	"		11 24
E. Hildreth	"		8 25
L. Hildreth	"	snow	11 03
"	"		8 25
Geo. Gleason	"		3 50

F. Partridge	labor	5 62
W. C. Rogers	" snow	2 00
H. Partridge	"	2 50
J. F. Sleeper	" snow	11 43
Geo. Smith	" "	7 47
"	"	75
S. S. Newell	" snow	7 00
John Battis	" "	6 72
Geo. Wells	"	9 37
Thomas Taylor	" snow	5 00
C. Wells	" "	10 81
G. E. Brown	wire fence	3 00
S. Hildreth	labor	2 50
E. Smith	" snow	1 17
J. Gazelle	snow and light, Bath Bridge, 1881	10 21
J. L. Cook	snow and light, Oliverian Bridge, 1882	15 00
		$2041 82

ORDERS

DRAWN FOR WATER TROUGHS.

M. B. Meader, in 1881,	3 00
James Glazer, for 3 1-3 years,	10 00
" for 1882,	3 00
M. B. Meader, "	3 00
Lydia McConnell, "	2 00
John L. Moore,	3 00
A. F. Pike, Pierce place and Brushwood,	6 00
H. P. Burleigh,	3 00

Niles Doty,	3 00
E. C. St. Clair,	3 00
J. W. French,	3 00
John Hackett,	3 00
S. S. Newell,	3 00
Moses French,	3 00
A. W. Harriman,	3 00
George Corliss,	3 00
W. H. Burnham,	3 00
	$60 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR
SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

J. H. Clark, 1 sheep and lamb, in 1881,	5 00
W. H. Lewis, 2 sheep,	8 00
	$13 00

ORDERS DRAWN
FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

For Tickets for Phin. Webber to Iowa	24 55
carrying " to Co. farm,	1 00
Poor & Westgate for E. O. Moulton,	7 50

To H. P. Watson	for	J. Willis,	18 00
M. S. Wetherbee	"	C. Smith,	5 00
Clara Deland	"	Rhoda Hurlbutt,	9 75
Frank Hadley	"	Lydia Burbank,	50
H. P. Burleigh	"	"	10 75
Albert Chase	"	Ada Chase,	20 00
Clara Deland	"	Rhoda Hurlbutt,	9 75
M. F. Cotton	"	Mooney girl,	12 50
A. Bartlett	"	Fanny Merrill,	8 00
Fred Knapp	"	Mrs. J. Weed,	4 50
Weeks & Co.	"	Mrs. J. Shelley,	15 91
"	"	Mrs. N. Harris,	4 00
"	"	Mrs. L. Nelson,	10 25
"	"	Mrs. S. Palmer,	14 13
C. Wells	"	Russell Kimball,	5 00
Clara Deland	"	Rhoda Hurlbutt,	12 75
W. S. Hackett	"	A. Hackett,	4 50
Scott Fellows	"	"	2 25
M. F. Cotton	"	Mooney girl,	12 50
State Industrial School	"	Bigelow boy,	3 00
P. Spaulding	"	Mrs. Glidden,	20 00
S. A. Clark	"	Fanny Morrill,	1 00
Poor & Westgate	"	Tom Colbridge,	2 38
"	"	M. V. B. Randall,	6 00
"	"	E. O. Moulton,	49 50
John Harris	"	Fanny Merrill,	14 00
"	"	"	7 00
"	"	"	17 50
Albert Chase	"	Ada Chase,	15 00
H. P. Watson	"	Mrs. L. Nelson,	1 50
"	"	Mrs. C. Clough,	75
"	"	Mrs. J. Shelley,	11 50

To E. R. Weeks	for	Mrs. Palmer,	13 50
"	"	Mrs. J. Shelley,	7 50
S. S. St. Clair	"	L. Nelson,	14 00
Grafton County	"	O. G. Page,	145 00
"	"	Jane Pike,	114 00
"	"	Sarah Rickard,	140 00
"	"	L. K. Gleason,	114 00
John Dean	"	James Dean,	39 00
Joshua Carr	"	Mrs. J. Shelley,	7 20
Clara Deland	"	Rhoda Hurlbutt,	9 75
State Industrial School	"	Bigelow boy,	19 50
John Harris	"	Fanny Morrill,	3 00
M. E. Kimball	"	Mrs. L. Nelson,	67 70
"	"	Fanny Morrill,	2 65
Clara Deland	"	Rhoda Hurlbutt,	9 75
M. D. Carbee	"	M. V. B. Randall,	9 10
C. C. Kimball	"	Cynthia Clough,	39 00
W. H. Nelson	"	Tom Colbridge,	14 10
M. E. Kimball	"	Mrs. J. Shelley,	11 03
"	"	Mrs. S. Palmer,	29 61
A. Chase	"	Ada Chase,	13 00
"	"	"	12 00
W. H. Nelson	"	Mrs. C. Morse,	6 00
			$1192 86

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BOUNTIES.

To Nicholas Adams	for 35 crows,	3 50
G. J. Hardy	61 "	6 10
C. A. Gale	1 "	10

To H. C. Adams	for 10 crows,	1 00
J. H. Cutting	5 "	50
A. P. Buswell	2 "	20
E. W. Cutting	3 "	30
N. Adams	11 "	1 10
C. E. Bryant	1 "	10
Henry Cutting	4 "	40
E. C. St. Clair	2 "	20
A. P. Corliss	4 "	40
C. F. Brown	3 "	30
E. O. Gifford	1 "	10
A. W. Smith	5 "	50
M. E. Jeffers	5 "	50
C. F. Gannett	5 "	50
P. W. Day	9 "	90
H. P. Burleigh	5 "	50
G. K. Blake	8 "	80
Robert Arnold	1 "	10
S. H. Baker	2 "	20
E. R. Weeks	30 "	3 00
Caleb Wells	118 "	11 80
H. W. Hamlett	1 bear,	10 00
		$43 10

ORDERS DRAWN FOR

Support of Schools and School Houses.

To S. P. Carbee,	District No. 1,	366 97
H. B. Cass,	" " 2,	215 51
M. E. Kimball,	" " 3,	401 42

To Nathan Heath,	District	No.	4,	150 76
H. W. Hurlbutt,	"	"	5,	189 96
E. W. Moore,	"	"	6,	129 53
H. M. Putnam,	"	"	7,	89 96
R. Pierce,	"	"	8,	188 63
A. E. Haywood,	"	"	9,	109 04
M. B. Meader,	"	"	10,	125 96
E. O. Harris,	"	"	11,	94 96
John N. Morse,	"	"	12,	205 14
Daniel Emery,	"	"	13,	1404 40
F. P. Cutting,	"	"	14,	163 82
Edwin Hamlett,	"	"	15,	111 10
S. T. Page,	"	"	17,	427 68
Isaac Corliss,	"	"	18,	82 96
Mrs. J. Merrill,	"	"	19,	143 78
M. P. Bemis,	"	"	20,	83 68
O. L. Mann, No. 5 in Benton,				8 54
J. M. Foster, " 12 in Bath,				28 64
I. K. George, at County Farm,				54 80
O. L. Mann, in Benton for 1881,				8 65
				$4785 94

ORDERS DRAWN FOR

Expense in Suit I. K. George et al v Town.

Amount paid for taking deposition and witness fees,	133 76
G. F. Putnam's services,	16 00
	$149 76

Orders Drawn for Abatement of Taxes.

David Quimby on tax, 1881,	$1 60
G. S. Stevens " 1879,	94
G. K. Blake on tax bill of 1881,	74 29
" " 1882,	97 01
	$173 84

ORDERS DRAWN FOR

EXPENSES, TOWN OFFICERS, &c.

C. B. Griswold, Auditor, 1881,	$8 00
C. M. Weeks, " "	15 00
P. W. Kimball, " "	12 00
Bittinger Bros., printing Report,	25 00
E. J. Brown, report birth,	25
Chas. Fisher, supervisor, 1882,	14 00
Bittinger Bros., printing School Report,	31 75
H. F. Dearborn, supervisor,	12 00
W. A. Jones, printing bills,	1 25
E. R. Weeks, recording marriages, births and deaths,	20 00
A. Hood, special police,	1 50
J. W. Quimby, part for grave stones for C. C. Carleton,	25 00
P. Spaulding, returning births and deaths,	1 25
"Signal Office," printing check lists and posters,	14 25
W. F. Westgate, perambulation and return,	21 00
H. Merrill & Son, blank books, &c.,	8 15
S. B. Page, Supt. School Committee, and blanks,	52 15
" retainer and services,	23 00

Chas. Fisher, supervisor Nov., 1882,	14 00
E. R. Weeks, Town Clerk and Treasurer,	100 00
James Sawyer, special police,	1 50
E. B. Mann & Co., school books for poor children,	7 05
M. E. Kimball, glass &c. for Town House,	1 39
A. E. Haywood, repairs on " "	2 00
H. P. Watson, returning births and deaths,	10 25
C. M. Weeks, supervisor, 1882,	22 50
S. T. Page, Supt. School Com.	50 00
S. H. Cummings, services Selectman,	179 59
H. Eaton, "	126 25
C. Wells, "	129 90
E. R. Weeks, pamphlet laws,	3 42
P. Flanders, on C. C. Carleton lot in cemetery,	3 00
G. K. Blake, in part for collecting taxes, 1882,	125 00
	$1061 40

ORDER DRAWN

FOR DAMAGE ON HIGHWAY.

Frank Willis, for damages to carriage,	6 00

TRUST FUND.

The Trust Fund of the town as reported by the Trustees, is as follows:

1 Haverhill Bond, (due in 1880,)	100 00

Haverhill Bonds, due in '85,	4100 00
" " " '90,	1500 00
Bath Bonds, " '85,	1150 00
Lisbon " " '85,	100 00
" " " '90,	100 00
Grafton Co. Bonds, 5 per cent, due in '90,	1000 00
" " " " '91,	3500 00
" " " " '92,	3000 00
Dalton, N. H. " " due '83 to '98,	2000 00
Erroll, N. H. " 6 per cent, due in '84,	500 00
Osceola, Iowa (school bonds,) 5 1-2 per cent, '86 to '91,	1000 00
Knapp & Putnam Mortgage Notes,	2500 00
Accrued Interest on above,	494 75
Cash on hand,	2104 34
	$23,149 09

Increase of Trust Fund, including what was paid in by Treasurer, since Mar. 1 '82, $4021 95.

All above securities are reckoned at their par value.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Bonded Debt,		$31,700 00
9 months interest,		1,426 50
1 unpaid Cupon on Bond No. 20,		60 00
Outstanding orders, March 1, 1883, being		
Order No. 33 to G. J. Hardy,	$6 10	
" 150 A. Hood,	1 50	
" 166 T. C. Hartwell,	3 00	

Order No.	186	P. Spaulding,	20 00	
"	188	"	1 25	
"	192	Ira Whitcher,	4 95	
"	205	G. Wells,	5 96	
"	207	D. K. Davis,	1 61	
"	215	B. K. Eastman,	5 36	
"	230	S. T. Page,	152 68	
"	233	E. B. Mann & Co.,	7 05	
"	242	L. McConnell,	2 00	
"	243 1-2	P. Flanders,	3 75	
"	249	A. F. Pike,	6 00	
"	268	A. W. Smith,	3 63	
"	269	N. Hanson,	62	
"	272	A. Hobbs,	75	
"	274	J. Cutting, Jr.,	50	
"	279	D. Gunnett,	50	
"	301	I. K. George,	114 00	
"	302	"	140 00	
"	303	"	114 00	
"	311	John Dean,	39 00	
"	322	C. Rineheart,	3 79	
"	326	A. F. Pike,	36 60	
"	344	Chase Whitcher,	6 75	
"	350	O. Noyes,	2 15	
"	359	E. B. Willoughby,	5 06	
"	371	E. Smith.	1 17	
"	375	M. E. Kimball,	11 03	
"	376	"	29 61	
"	406	M. M. Weeks,	3 97	
"	459	John Hackett,	3 00	
				737 34
Balance due school district No. 2.				12 00
				$33,935 84

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Trust Fund in National Bank of Newbury, as reported to the Auditors by the Trustees,	$23,149 09
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1303 42
Due on Leased Lands,	89 55
Due from Grafton Co. for support of Paupers, estimated at	400 00
Due from G. K. Blake for taxes on tax bills of years 1880, 1881, 1882,	4945 48
Due from J. Glynn for support of Mrs. Palmer,	50 00
	$29,937 54
Leaving the indebtedness of the town over its resources,	$3998 30
A decrease from the indebtedness of last year,	$3606 50

The Auditors recommend that the Town raise, to defray town expenses, $2500 00. To pay the interest on Bonded Debt, $2000 00. For support of Schools, $3500 00; and that $300 00 of this sum be divided equally among the districts.

For the support of Highways, to be raised in money, $2250 00, and that labor be allowed at 15 cents per hour.

Other wise to raise $2000 00 in labor, and $1000 00 in money, and the labor be allowed at 12 1-2 cents per hour.

We would suggest that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of erecting or procuring a suitable building at the village of North Haverhill, for all

town purposes, and to ascertain and report what the probable expense would be. And we recommend that in case such house can be built or obtained for such purpose, at an additional expense over the value of the present Town House, of a sum not to exceed $1500 00, that the same be done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. B. GRISWOLD, }
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HAVERHILL, March 1, 1883.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the School Committee

FOR

Dists. No. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 14, 17, 18, 19 & 20.

To the Selectmen and other Citizens of the Town of Haverhill—

I am to report to you the condition of the schools under my charge for the past year, as I view them. It may be that in some cases all the facts have not been known to me, which had they been brought to my attention, would have modified and changed the standing and credit of certain schools. What I have to say will be very brief.

I have in former years in making report to you, endeavored to show the close connection and earnest interest *necessary* for parents to have in their schools respectively, if they desire their children to attain excellence in knowledge, and to satisfy themselves that the money used for school purposes is not, as in some cases, worse than wasted. Other Committees have advised and made like suggestions.

In looking over the School Registers returned, I find only one school and that for only one term during the year, where the parents have taken any decided interest, and shown it by visiting the schools. You expect the Com-

mittee to report, and are willing to hear what he has to say, and then express your opinion without having once visited your school. You plead other cares, other interests and want of time, yet not a citizen in town would place a colt or a pair of steers in the charge of another person to be taught to work, without seeing them often. Why then do you leave your children, term after term, to the care and instruction of an entire stranger, and never visit them? "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." Is it not your duty to see that it is at least started right? An approving smile from a parent does more to encourage teachers than a dollar a week added to their pay. A visit to the school house and a kind word occasionally to your child climbing the rugged steps of knowledge will make the way smoother and easier. Sympathy is what the teacher and children want to break up all the hard schools. Can you not give it by your presence? Let us think it over, and decide if we do not owe a duty to the teachers and children as well as they to us.

Academy and Districts No. 1 and 17.

I have been greatly pleased with the success of the schools held in "Haverhill Academy," composed of Dists. Nos. 1 and 17. As now divided and arranged the benefit obtained can hardly be equalled. The efficient labor of the Principal, Joseph H. Dunbar, in the Academic Department, is manifested in the return of those who have once sat under his instruction, with a continued increase in number from term to term. To any who may desire to avail themselves of an opportunity for a thorough and complete course of

study in all the branches taught that make up a practical and finished education, I recommend this school, and after trying it you will then agree with me that "actions speak louder than words."

The Intermediate school for the Spring term was under the management of Miss M. Grace Woodward, and conducted to a successful close. The Fall and Winter terms Miss Woodward acted as assistant to Mr. Dunbar, and in such a manner, that all are compelled to speak in her praise. Miss Nellie L. Eaton taught the Primary school the Spring term, and showed much interest in her work. Every thing was in order, and the results reached quite satisfactory. Miss Eaton has also taught the Intermediate school during the Fall and Winter terms. Both terms have been very much broken on account of sickness, but I think the result of the teacher's effort would have been better had the attendance been good. Miss Kate Child entered upon her duties as teacher of the Primary school the Fall term. The children under her care think she is "just the teacher" for them. I will not try to change their decision.—The Winter term she was obliged to leave the school on account of her health, and the school was completed by Bernard V. Child. No Registers have been returned from any of the above named schools.

District No. 2.

Nellie E. Hancock, the first term, Amanda L. Sawyer, the second term, and Lavina C. Hosford, the third term, had charge of this school. Miss Hancock would have met with better results, had she had more confidence in herself.

I think she will make a good teacher. Miss Sawyer is a diligent and faithful teacher. A little too much of the ideal in her manner of instructing Miss Hosford was nearly the opposite, having quite a matter-of-fact way in her methods, and quite at home in the school room. I liked the appearance of the school very much.

District No. 6.

The two terms of school in this district were taught by the same person, Miss Cora A. Smith (now Mrs. Brown.) Matters in the school room seemed to be conducted without jar in Miss Cora's quiet and happy way. It was all routine work as is usual in a small school.

District No. 7.

Another small school is in No. 7, taught by Miss Lizzie M. Putnam, the first term being her first school. It was quite satisfactory in all respects. The Winter term, with Miss May F. Morrison was also a success. A good degree of improvement was manifest.

District No. 8.

Miss N. Della Buck has been the teacher in No. 8 for the year. There are no marked features of change in the school, because the teacher, having taught here before, has everything in order, and there is nothing to do but attend right to the work, and it is all work and no play in this school,

and the inhabitants of the district are getting their value received for the money they pay. It was unfortunate that the Winter term was cut short by the teacher's sickness.

District No. 14.

It is wonderful how one appearing so frail as Miss E. May Eaton can teach such a school as this and not give up. I regard this school the most difficult of any under my charge, and I also think the improvement made during the Winter term equal to the best. The other terms were also quite satisfactory. The same teacher during the year. Is this success partly owing to the visits of parents?

District No. 15.

I had the pleasure of visiting the school in District No. 15, at its close, the Winter term. The school had kept seven weeks, and they were in good working order, when obliged by lack of funds to close. Mr. — Page was quite at home in the school, and seemed to thoroughly understand how to impart knowledge.

District No. 18.

Only one term of 16 weeks tells the amount of schooling in No. 18. Miss Mary E. Burbeck taught in an acceptable and thorough way. Only one fault with the school—moving the lips while studying.

District No. 19.

The first term in No. 19 was taught by Miss Martha A. Nelson. The teacher evidently did all that she could

to bring order out of confusion. There seemed to be a want of interest on the part of the pupils, which greatly hindered her progress. There was a fair amount of improvement. The Winter term under the management of Miss Julia E. Rollins was a decided success and in justice to all, every thing considered, I place it at the head of the list in my division.

District No. 20.

Miss Della M. Flanders taught the first term in Dist. No. 20. The school was not visited by me, no notice given me of the close of the school. Only one pupil reported in attendance, at an average cost of $3 per week, a sum sufficient to board and school her at "Haverhill Academy." Next time take the best chance, and help others as well as yourselves. Mr. F. Kimball, the teacher in the Winter term, seemed to have his usual success. I cannot speak of the progress. I only visited the school at the close and was satisfied with the examinations.

In conclusion, I would suggest that before another winter, some improvement in the school houses in Dists. Nos. 2, 7, 14, 19 and 20 be made that they may be complete. They are certainly very uncomfortable now, and will be until the doors and windows are repaired.

A mistaken idea of teachers is, that their labors and duties to their employers are confined to a period of six hours each day. Your whole time and attention ought to be given to the school, and the one who so acts is alone faithful. The late hours of teachers too often destroy

the harmony and prosperity of the school. Sleep is necessary to preserve an even temper and a happy disposition. Without these it is often very easy to account for uneasy, fretful scholars and poor schools.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL T. PAGE,

School Committee.

NOTE.—The Report of the School Committee for the Northern Division of the Town came too late for printing in full. In consequence of which, only the main part of the Report is given.

Report of the School Committee

FOR

Dists. No. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10. 11, 12, 13, & 15.

I herewith submit my Annual Report upon the schools under my charge for the past year, with the exception of those that have not yet closed and whose, Registers have not been received by me. In two cases the delay in closing of the school year has been due to circumstances beyond the control of district officers. In others it might have been avoided, and a full report obtained in season for the publication in this Report.

I desire to repeat the suggestions contained in my last Report and repeated before. As district meetings may be called any time between the first of January and the fifteenth of March substantially, it seems that it would be very desirable that they should be holden prior to the annual Town Meeting, in which case all the committees could be published with the Report. I also earnestly renew my last year's recommendation that the several Prudential Committees so arrange their terms that the Winter term shall close upon the last Friday in February.

During the past year I have made upward of seventy official visits, and have examined seventeen applicants for certificates to teach, of whom I have licensed sixteen. I have had occasion to dismiss one pupil and to recommend the resignation of one teacher, which recommendation was accepted. In Districts Nos. 9 and 11 there is imperative need of new school buildings, if those district organizations are to be maintained, but I strongly advise such action as will relieve those districts of that expense by uniting their territory to contiguous districts. I am persuaded that a little reflection will satisfy the citizens of No. 9, that it is not good economy to build a new school house and employ an instructor for one or two pupils, as during the past Summer term, the wages and board of the teacher amounting to more than it would cost to send the "school" bodily to a first class Academy. And I am as well persuaded that the substantial union of Nos. 11 and 5 would be for the great advantage of both those districts, putting them upon such a footing that superior and more interesting schools would result.

In Nos. 4, 12 and 13 (Primary) the same teachers were employed for the three consecutive terms, and in Nos. 3, 5 and 13 (Grammar) for the Summer and Fall terms. The results obtained fully justify me in repeating the suggestion I have made that prudential committees having made a wise selection of a teacher at the opening of the year, should make all reasonable effort to retain such instructor through the school year. No two teachers, however excellent, follow the same system or approve the same method, and a ten week term is hardly sufficient for a fair trial of either system or methods.

The schools in Nos. 4, 5, 10 and 12 have been uniformly successful, and without partiality, have been in no respect

open to fair criticism. Teachers, parents and pupils, have worked harmoniously, the attendance has been excellent, and the results highly satisfactory. I especially commend the advanced Arithmetic class in No. 10, Winter term, the methods of instruction in Nos. 12 and 4, and the high standard of scholarship in No. 5. The schools in No. 13 have especially suffered from irregular attendance, and I regret to say a large non-attendance of pupils of school age. The effect has been to limit the usefulness of the schools, and seriously cripple the best directed efforts of the teachers. In No. 3 the Summer and Fall terms were very successful. The Winter term was broken, up and a vacation of several weeks followed the retirement of the first teacher. It is now proceeding successfully under able and judicious management.

I have already discussed the situation in No. 9. The young ladies in charge hardly had enough to do to keep them awake, but I judge discharged their duties very acceptably. In No. 15 the Summer term passed pleasantly and successfully, my colleague visiting the school at its Winter term. In No. 11, the school is I understand still in session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. PAGE,

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